

CLAIMS:

1. A system for purchasing products from a plurality of unrelated merchants offering products for purchase through electronic commerce systems, said system

5 comprising:

an information gatherer for obtaining information from a target merchant relating to available products for purchase, said target merchant being at least one of the plurality of unrelated merchants; and

10 a purchase requester for providing the target merchant with a purchase request made on behalf of the purchaser.

2. The system according to claim 1 wherein the information gatherer includes:

a merchant information gatherer for obtaining product information from the target merchant about a product to be purchased by the purchaser;

15 a purchaser information gatherer for obtaining information about the purchaser making the purchase of the product.

3. The system according to claim 2 wherein the merchant information gatherer includes:

20 a product location gatherer for obtaining a location on an electronic commerce system of the target merchant of product information for the product to be purchased through the electronic commerce system.

4. The system according to claim 1 wherein the purchase requester includes:

25 an information checker for checking product and purchaser information to determine if sufficient information has been provided for a purchase transaction; and

a transaction creator for interfacing with the target merchant to purchase the product.

30 5. A method for purchasing products from a plurality of unrelated merchants offering products for purchase through electronic commerce systems, said method comprising:

obtaining information from a target merchant relating to available products for purchase, said target merchant being at least one of the plurality of unrelated

35 merchants; and

providing the target merchant with a purchase request made on behalf of the purchaser.

6. The method according to claim 5 wherein the step of obtaining information from the target merchant includes:

gathering product information from the target merchant for a product to be purchased by the purchaser; and

obtaining information about the purchaser.

7. The method according to claim 6 wherein the step of gathering product information includes;

gathering a location on an electronic commerce system of the target merchant of product information for the product to be purchased on the electronic commerce system.

8. The method according to claim 5 wherein the step of providing the target merchant with a purchase request includes:

checking product and purchaser information to determine if sufficient information has been provided for a purchase transaction; and

interfacing with the target merchant to purchase the product.

9. A computer readable medium having stored thereon computer-executable instructions for purchasing products from a plurality of unrelated merchants offering products for purchase through electronic commerce systems, the computer-executable instructions performing the steps comprising:

obtaining information from a target merchant relating to available products for purchase, said target merchant being at least one of the plurality of unrelated merchants; and

providing the target merchant with a purchase request made on behalf of the purchaser.

10. The computer-readable medium according to claim 9 wherein the step of obtaining information from the target merchant includes:

gathering product information from the target merchant for a product to be purchased by the purchaser; and

obtaining information about the purchaser.

gathering a location on an electronic commerce system of the target

12. The computer-readable medium according to claim 9 wherein the step of providing the target merchant with a purchase request includes:

checking product and purchaser information to determine if sufficient information has been provided for a purchase transaction; and

interfacing with the target merchant to purchase the product.